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Updated Floodplain Regulations for Maricopa County Available for Public Review *Review Period through March 4, 2011*

PHOENIX (Feb. 3, 2011) – In order to ensure continued compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and the Community Rating System (CRS) of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Flood Control District of Maricopa County periodically reviews and updates the Floodplain Regulations for Maricopa County, which were enacted as part of [Title 48](#) of the Arizona Revised Statutes.

The [Draft Updated Floodplain Regulations for Maricopa County](#) will be available for public review through March 4, 2011 on the District's Web site. A [Summary of the Key Revisions](#) may also be viewed. Please access the documents through the links in this paragraph.

The Floodplain Regulations for Maricopa County have been in force since February 25, 1974. Subsequently, there have been many revisions and amendments to them. The latest revisions are in process, anticipating adoption by the Board of Directors of the Flood Control District of Maricopa County on or before July 1, 2011.

The purpose of the revisions to these Regulations is to meet new federal and Arizona Department of Water Resources requirements; implement minor corrections to content and text; incorporate new administrative procedures; maintain conformity with other Flood Control District regulations and guidelines; evaluate and reassess the Fee Schedule adding flexibility to the categories; and consider changes that would assist the Flood Control District in obtaining additional CRS credits, ultimately placing the District in a higher class rating that allows for County residents to receive a discount on their flood insurance.

The following is a list of changes that will go into effect once the updated Regulations are approved by the Board of Directors:

- Incorporate changes and clarifications requested by FEMA staff following the last Community Assistance Visit (CAV) at the Flood Control District.
- Add and modify definitions to match the Model Ordinance (State of Arizona Floodplain Management Model Ordinance).
- Expand Floodplain Administrator's duties to follow State Model Ordinance.
- Clarification of requirements for permits, clearances, and exemptions.
- Incorporate separately adopted Enforcement Rules into the Regulations (Article 7).
- Clarifications added to aid in the permitting of Sand and Gravel development, specifically with respect to suspension of permits with provisions for reactivation at a later date.
- Changes in Alluvial Fan designations based on studies currently in progress.
- Specify requirements and need for a CLOMR (Conditional Letter of Map Revision), and its expiration time.
- Restructure and assess the current fee categories.
- Reorganize the document to flow better and have a fresher appearance.